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To Prevent Redecorating

THERE had evidently been a terrible calamity. Mrs. Jones threw her apron over her rumpled marcel and muffled moans of distress assailed the ears of a somewhat flustered husband.

The dull thud and plop of grey water only made the situation more acute. The stubborn drain on the kitchen sink had coughed and gasped its last.

Cold fear clutched at Mr. Jones' heart. Was the house going to fall apart? The furniture was all loose and last week the water tank in the basement had shrieked from its wracked interior with loud, clanking sounds until it burst—spouting luke warm water over the clean wash.

Things had gone from bad to worse; the radiators heating only the hallway, while the closet tank trickled a constant melody to the accompaniment of squeaking faucets and gurgling drains—a plumbing phantasy.

If Mr. Jones had only watched these things he might have saved himself worry, irritation and money.

NEGLECTED plumbing goes on the downward trail until it is beyond repair and has to be replaced—an expensive item on the homemaker's budget.

Drains may be kept in perfect running order by allowing large quantities of hot water to run down frequently. Another precaution which is effective is the use of a good solvent at regular intervals.

Hot water tanks frequently contain deposits from the boiled water. If these deposits accumulate the pipes cannot carry away vapor and water and an explosion is likely to occur, completely destroying the tank. If this is taken care of only by the plumber it will be much cheaper.

If radiators refuse to heat, perhaps the air valves are not functioning properly. They screw out easily and can be cleaned with acetic acid solution.

The proper degree of humidity is important from a health standpoint as well as the prevention of dehydrating glued furniture. Water-filled radiator pans or even an old kettle could be placed inconspicuously and do much to improve the air, health of the family, and the lasting qualities of the furniture.

The constant drip of leaking faucets will eventually wear out the entire seat

Tragedy in One Act

... She Neglected the Plumbing

By Isabella Palmer



To Repair Radiators—

of the valve. This necessitates the purchase of a new faucet.

It is cheaper and more economical to check plumbing frequently. It prevents



Go Over the Plumbing

distress and emergency calls with their added expense.

Journalists Like Their Fun

by Virginia Berry

HIDDEN talent lies buried in many an undiscovered genius, and if you have the slightest yen for writing, think twice before modestly stating, "But I can't write!" How do you know you can't? If you managed to pass all your English courses so far, a job on any of the campus publications means lots of fun, hard work, friends, and an education for you in a class not included in the college curriculum.

Since the "Iowa State Student" is issued more frequently than other publications, it offers opportunity to anyone with journalistic yearnings. Sometimes it takes miles of walking, a dozen phone calls, and hours of work to run down a story—and then the tip may have been false.

There are nights when copy doesn't come in on time and the editor and issue editor tramp from office to press room in despair. Other times copy comes in early and in such volume that typewriters click busily and copyreaders and proofreaders haven't an idle moment. And reporters go home to wonder till morning if their story was cut or rewritten, or left out entirely.

Journalists love food and fun. Staff meetings bring puns and buns. The night of the final issue of the "Student" last spring quarter, a resourceful male journalist cut the juicy cherry pies with the big shears reserved for cutting copy. During cold weather candy bars and sandwiches are popular in the office and in spring someone is delegated to bring ice cream from the Dairy Industry Building.

One makes fast friends with fellow

workers on any publication. Reporting gives a fine excuse to roam about and find the unusual places and people on the campus. One gets an inside glimpse into the life and work of many students and faculty people. When Amelia Earhart, Larry Gould, and other notables were on the campus, someone had the thrill of interviewing them and adding them to his list of "people I've met."

Other publications require less constant rushing around than it takes to keep up with Student assignments. "The Iowa Homemaker" gives opportunity to women interested in writing on home economics subjects. Divisional publications allow more time for getting an assignment and make possible more specialized writing.

The person with a leaning toward humor can find an outlet for his wit in work for "Green Gander," the college humor magazine, published four times each year by Sigma Delta Chi and Theta Sigma Phi.

"Sketch" encourages every student to submit verse, short stories, and other creative writing for publication each quarter. The "Bomb" also needs people with talent in writing.

A journalistic yearning is easily satisfied on the Iowa State campus. You may secure a job on your pet publication for the asking and by being punctual and dependable find a place among the campus journalists.

Miss Joe Foster of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., writes the Homemaker that their Home Economics Club is running a coffee shop from 8 to 12 a. m. every day, making a profit of \$4.00 daily.